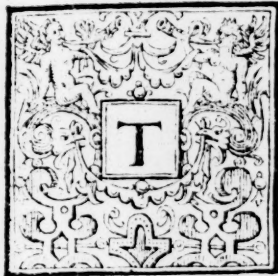


BY THE KING.

A Proclamation for the adjournment of part of Michalmas Tearme.



THE King our Soueraigne Lord considering the great and generall infection of the Plague which at this present is in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and other places neare adjoyning, and how perilous it might be to His loving Subjects, if they should be enforced to repaire thither for their suites and causes before such time as it shall please Almighty God, of his goodnes & mercy to remove or ease that heavy visitation. His Majesty therefore of His especiall grace and fauor to His people and for their better safety & preteruation, is pleased to adjourne part of the Tearme of Saint Michael now next comming. That is to say, from the *Vint* thereof vnto the fourth Returne of the same Tearme called *Mense Michaelis*, which His Majestie signifieth to all and singular His loving Subjects of this His Realme, to the intent that they and eury of them which hath cause or commandement to appeare in any of His Highnesse Courts at *Westminster*, in or at any day or time, from and after the said *Vint* of Saint Michael may tarry at their dwellings, or where their businesse otherwise shall lye, without resorting to any of the said Courts for that cause, before the said *Mense Michaelis* next comming, and that without danger of forfeiture penalty, or contempt to incurre towards His Highnes in that behalfe. And neuerthelesse His Majesties pleasure is, that two of His Iustices, That is to say, of either Bench one, shall the first day of *Michaelmas* Tearme next, called *Octabis Michaelis*, according to the ancient order of the Lawes, keepe the Essoines of the said *Octabis Michaelis*, at which *Vint* of Saint Michael, Writs of adjournment (which His Majesty hereby commandeth the Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of *England* to make forth), shall be directed to the said Iustices giuing them authority to adjourne the said Tearme of Saint Michael, (That is to say) from the *Vint* thereof vntill the fourth Returne, as before is said: And the said adjournment shall be made in the first day of the said *Vint*, commonly called the day of Essoines. And further His Majesties pleasure is, That all matters, causes, and suits depending in any of His other Courts betweene party and party, as in His Highnesse Courts of Chauncery, Star-chamber, and Exchequer, Courts of Wards and Liveries, Dutchie of *Lancaster*, and Court of Requests shall haue continuance, and the parties shall haue day from the date of these presents, vntill the said fourth Returne as before is said. Provided alwayes and His Majesties pleasure and commandement is, That all Collectours, Receiuers, Sherifes and other Accountants, and all other persons that should, or ought to receiue, or pay any summe or summes of mony in any of His Majesties Courts of exchequer, Court of Ward and Liveries, and of His Dutchie of *Lancaster*, or in any of them, or to come into any contempt in any of the said Courts, shall repaire vnto His Majesties House of *Michaelmas*, where His Highnesse hath appointed such Officers and Ministers, as for that purpose His Majesty hath thought expedient, and there to pay and doe in eury behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of adjournment had beene had or made. And His Majesties further pleasure and commandement is, that all Sherifes shall returne their Writs and Proses against all such Accountants and Debtors at the dayes therein appointed. And if any person or persons, who ought to accompt, or pay any summe or summes of mony to His Majesty in any of the Courts and places aforesaid doe make default therein, that then His Highnes Writs and Proses shall be awarded and sent forth against eury such person and persons, and the same to be duly and orderly leuied, and returned by the Sherifes and Officers thereunto appointed in such like manner and forme as the same should haue beene if this present Proclamation had not beene made. And if any Sheriffe or other Officer shall make default, or be negligent in returning, executing, or returning of any the Writs and Proses aforesaid, that then eury such Sheriffe and other Officer shall incurre such paines and penalties as by the said Courts or any of them shall be taxed and assessed, willing and commanding all and eury His Majesties Sherifes, Officers, Ministers and Subjects, to whom it doth, or shall appertaine to obserue and keepe their assemblies and apparances with all their Returnes and Cerimonies in His Highnes said Courts at *Westminster* in *Mense Michaelis* next comming, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to doe their Offices and duties in eury behalfe in like mannerr and forme as they should, or ought to haue done if this present Proclamation had not beene had or made, as they will answere to the contrary at their perils. *Given at the Court at Tichfield the fourth day of September, and in the first yeare of His Majesties Aduantage of Great Brittain, France, and Ireland.*

God saue the King.

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